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From: Michael Balter [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]
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To: Cogliano, Vincent [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=51f2736376ac4d32bad2fe7cfef2886b-Cogliano, Vincent]
Subject: Re: ORD comments on OPP glyphosate cancer assessment

Dear Dr. Cogliano,

Since I last wrote you I have been trying to coordinate with EPA's press office (Robert Daguiard) to arrange a telephone interview with you. He had promised me a response by the end of the day Friday but that did not happen.

In all fairness, I wanted to approach you again directly, because the article will cite several emails leading up to ORD's review of the OPP glyphosate assessment in which you played an active role. I don't see anything negative in these emails, which appear to reflect ORD's honest evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the evidence for glyphosate's possible carcinogenicity. However, given their importance to the story, and the importance of the role you played personally, a conversation with you would be essential.

I don't know if you are required to have approval before you can talk to a reporter, but as things stand now I will be obliged to say that the EPA declined to make you available, and also that you did not respond to direct requests for an interview. I hope all of that can be avoided, if you would simply get in touch with me directly and let me know if we can talk.

If you would be willing to talk on an off the record basis, that would be helpful; in which case, please contact me on a personal email address.

With thanks and best wishes,

Michael Balter
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On Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 1:45 PM Michael Balter [Personal Email / Ex. 6] wrote:
Dear Dr. Cogliano,

I am a reporter for Undark, the online magazine published by MIT's Knight Science Journalism Program. As the EPA press office knows, we are working on a feature story that will compare and contrast the glyphosate cancer evaluations of several agencies, including EPA, IARC, EFSA, etc.

Our article will discuss ORD's three-page comments on the OPP assessment dated Dec 14, 2015 in some detail.

Recently a colleague received some EPA documents relevant to these issues via the FOIA. These included an email from you to Norman Birchfield on the previous Dec 7, subject "Glyphosate follow up," in which you give him some details about the thinking of ORD scientists.

We plan to cite this email in the story, and I would be interested in discussing it with you. I hope you will get in touch to do so.

If you prefer to discuss this on an off the record basis, please contact me on a personal email address for that purpose.

With thanks and best wishes,

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